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Ex parte GUNTER BAUR, WALTRAUD FEHRENBAC BARBARA W. NE STAUDACHER, FRIEDRICH WINDSCHEID, and RUDOLF KIEFER

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 8, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

On September 4, 2003, A Response was filed (Paper No. 38) and has been matched with this application at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The Response needs to be considered by the primary examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying appellants of the primary examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Response, notification to applicants of consideration and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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